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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on June 22, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

- In the first paragraph, page 7 of 8 of applicant response, claims 4 and 5 are said to be incorporated into claim 1. In the following paragraph, same page, claims 4 and 6 are said to be incorporated into claim 1. Since all these claims include different limitations with varying intervening claim subject matter, it is not clear what parts have been incorporated into the claims. Applicant has also not provided supporting statements setting out what the limitations define that distinguishes over the prior art.
- New claims have been added with only a broad statement alleging patentability. In the prior Office Action, paragraph 10 stated with emphasis in bold, the **reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references**. It was also cautioned a **general allegation** that the claims “define a patentable invention” without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references **does not comply with the requirements of this section**.

2. The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David T. Fidei whose telephone number is (571) 272-4553. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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